COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ILING OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. TO MEND ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT ENERGY)	
)	CASE NO.
EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION RIDER)	2012-00016

ORDER

On January 12, 2012, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") filed with this Commission its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Rider Report along with an updated Energy Efficiency and Conservation Rider rate to be effective January 31, 2012. On January 26, 2012, Columbia filed a Request for Authority to Deviate from Certain Provisions of its Tariff in order to defer calculating its Energy Efficiency Conservation Program Balance Adjustment ("EECPBA") until filing its next annual report at the end of the initial three-year term of its Demand-Side Management program. Columbia requested Commission approval to deviate from Sheet Nos. 51e and 51f of its tariff which require that Columbia calculate the EECPBA on a 12-month basis, and for permission to withdraw the proposed EECPBA revision contained in its application. Columbia requested expedited consideration so that a it could have a Commission decision before January 31, 2012, the beginning of its Unit 1 billing for the month of February 2012.

The Commission, having reviewed Columbia's application and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the

reasonableness of the proposed program modifications and rates. We also find that the investigation cannot be completed by January 31, 2012. Therefore, the Commission will suspend Columbia's requested rate adjustment as well as its request for waiver of its tariff requirements, and will authorize the continuation of the current Energy Efficiency and Conservation programs and Cost Recovery Mechanism until a final Order is issued herein.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Columbia's proposed Energy Efficiency and Conservation tariffs are suspended for five months from the initial proposed effective date of January 31, 2012 up to and including June 30, 2012.
- 2. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.
- 3. Columbia's existing Energy Efficiency and Conservation programs and tariff riders shall remain in effect pending further Order of the Commission.

By the Commission

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